

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 832**

**Introduced by Committee on Education (Goldberg (Chair),  
Arambula, Coto, Hancock, Liu, Mullin, and Pavley)**

February 18, 2005

An act to amend Section 48980 of the Education Code, relating to education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 832, as introduced, Committee on Education. Schools: notification of parents or guardians.

Existing law requires the governing board of each school district at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of the regular school term to notify parents or guardians of minor pupils of specified rights and responsibilities of the parent or guardian.

This bill would delete an obsolete provision that requires that the notification include a copy of a written policy relating to Internet access.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 48980 of the Education Code is  
2 amended to read:  
3 48980. (a) At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of  
4 the regular school term, the governing board of each school  
5 district shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil  
6 regarding the right or responsibility of the parent or guardian  
7 under Sections 35291, 46014, 48205, 48207, 48208, 49403,

1 49423, 49451, 49472, and 51938 and Chapter 2.3 (commencing  
2 with Section 32255) of Part 19.

3 (b) The notification also shall advise the parent or guardian of  
4 the availability of individualized instruction as prescribed by  
5 Section 48206.3, and of the program prescribed by Article 9  
6 (commencing with Section 49510) of Chapter 9.

7 (c) The notification shall also advise the parents and guardians  
8 of all pupils attending a school within the district of the schedule  
9 of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days, and if  
10 any minimum or pupil-free staff development days are scheduled  
11 thereafter, the governing board shall notify parents and guardians  
12 of the affected pupils as early as possible, but not later than one  
13 month before the scheduled minimum or pupil-free day.

14 (d) The notification also may advise the parent or guardian of  
15 the importance of investing for future college or university  
16 education for their children and of considering appropriate  
17 investment options including, but not limited to, United States  
18 Savings Bonds.

19 (e) Commencing with the 2000–01 school year, and each  
20 school year thereafter, the notification shall advise the parent or  
21 guardian of the pupil that, commencing with the 2003–04 school  
22 year, and each school year thereafter, each pupil completing 12th  
23 grade will be required to successfully pass the high school exit  
24 examination administered pursuant to Chapter 8 (commencing  
25 with Section 60850) of Part 33. The notification shall include, at  
26 a minimum, the date of the examination, the requirements for  
27 passing the examination, and shall inform the parents and  
28 guardians regarding the consequences of not passing the  
29 examination and shall inform parents and guardians that passing  
30 the examination is a condition of graduation.

31 (f) Each school district that elects to provide a fingerprinting  
32 program pursuant to Article 10 (commencing with Section  
33 32390) shall inform parents or guardians of the program as  
34 specified in Section 32390.

35 (g) The notification shall also include a copy of the district's  
36 written policy on sexual harassment established pursuant to  
37 Section 212.6, as it relates to pupils.

38 ~~(h) The notification shall include a copy of the written policy~~  
39 ~~of the school district adopted pursuant to Section 51870.5~~  
40 ~~regarding access by pupils to Internet and online sites.~~

1     ~~(i)~~ The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of all  
2 existing statutory attendance options and local attendance options  
3 available in the school district. That notification shall include all  
4 options for meeting residency requirements for school  
5 attendance, programmatic options offered within the local  
6 attendance areas, and any special programmatic options available  
7 on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis. That notification  
8 shall also include a description of all options, a description of the  
9 procedure for application for alternative attendance areas or  
10 programs, an application form from the district for requesting a  
11 change of attendance, and a description of the appeals process  
12 available, if any, for a parent or guardian denied a change of  
13 attendance. The notification shall also include an explanation of  
14 the existing statutory attendance options including, but not  
15 limited to, those available under Section 35160.5, Chapter 5  
16 (commencing with Section 46600) of Part 26, subdivision (f) of  
17 Section 48204, and Article 1.5 (commencing with Section  
18 48209) of Chapter 2 of Part 27. The department shall produce  
19 this portion of the notification and shall distribute it to all school  
20 districts.

21     ~~(j)~~  
22     (i) It is the intent of the Legislature that the governing board of  
23 each school district annually review the enrollment options  
24 available to the pupils within their districts and that the school  
25 districts strive to make available enrollment options that meet the  
26 diverse needs, potential, and interests of California's pupils.

27     ~~(k)~~  
28     (j) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian that no  
29 pupil may have his or her grade reduced or lose academic credit  
30 for any absence or absences excused pursuant to Section 48205 if  
31 missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are  
32 satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time, and  
33 shall include the full text of Section 48205.

34     ~~(l)~~  
35     (k) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of the  
36 availability of state funds to cover the costs of advanced  
37 placement examination fees pursuant to Section 52244.